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# **Mercier Named Communications Manager**

Rick Mercier was named the Town of Garner's first-ever communications manager effective July 1.

Mercier joined the Town as its first-ever full-time public information officer in October 2010. Since he joined the Town, Garner has received numerous statewide awards for print, electronic and video communications products. Mercier also was a key member of the team that orchestrated Garner's successful All-America City campaign in 2013.

Before joining the Town, Mercier served as editor of the Clayton News-Star and was a stringer covering North Carolina for Agence France-Presse. Mercier's journalism career included stints as news editor and columnist for The Free Lance-Star in Fredericksburg, Va., and editorial page editor for The Anniston (Ala.) Star. His work was distributed via the Associated Press, Knight-Ridder/Tribune and Pacific News Service and appeared in news outlets in the United States, Asia, Africa and Australia.

To learn more about the Town's communications tools and efforts, please visit [garnernc.gov](http://garnernc.gov). Citizens can follow the Town on Facebook ([facebook.com/townofgarner](https://facebook.com/townofgarner)), Twitter ([@townofgarner](https://twitter.com/townofgarner)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/townofgarner](https://instagram.com/townofgarner)).

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